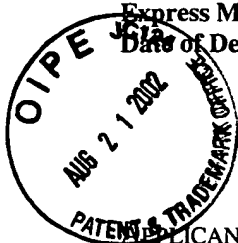


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**RESPONSE AND SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO JUNE 21, 2002
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Please amend the application as set forth below and consider the following remarks in response to the restriction requirement mailed on June 21, 2002.

In the Claims:

Please replace the pending claims with the following:

1. An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:
- a) a mature form of SEQ ID NO: 22;
 - b) a variant of a mature form of SEQ ID NO: 22, wherein any amino acid in the mature form is changed to a different amino acid, provided that no more than 15% of the amino acid residues in the sequence of the mature form are so changed;
 - c) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 22;
 - d) a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 22 wherein any amino acid specified in the chosen sequence is changed to a different amino acid, provided that no more than 15% of the amino acid residues in the sequence are so changed; and
 - e) a fragment of any of a) through d).
2. The polypeptide of claim 1 that is a naturally occurring allelic variant of SEQ ID NO: 22.

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